

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the office action mailed May 11, 2006. In the office action the Examiner:

- objected to Figures 1 and 2, requesting that they be designated as representing prior art;
- rejected claims 1, 8-14 and 16-17 for statutory double patenting with respect to claims 1-4 and 6-11 of U.S. patent application 10, 547,083; and

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1-20.

REMARKS CONCERNING REVISED FIGURES

Revised Figures 1 and 2 are included in Appendix A.

A "PRIOR ART" legend has been added to Figures 1 and 2.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the proposed drawing changes.

REMARKS CONCERNING DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

It is noted that the double patenting rejections are all made with respect to a patent application with a later filing date (August 26, 2005) than the present application. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that it is application 10/547,083 that should be receiving a double patenting rejection, not the present application.

Furthermore, there are differences between the claims of the two applications. For the Examiner's convenience, a comparison of the claims in the two applications is shown in Appendix B.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-4000, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A
Revised Figures (see attached copies)

Appendix B

Comparison of Claims Between This Application and 10/547,083